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REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-41 remain in the Application.

The Office Action of July 15, 2004 has been received and carefully considered. In response thereto, this Amendment is submitted. It is submitted that, by this Amendment, all bases of rejection and objection are traversed and overcome. Reconsideration is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Examiner Niland is thanked for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview of September 27, 2004. During this interview, the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraph, was discussed. Proposed amendments to the claim language were discussed and reviewed. No agreement as to allowance was formally reached. However, the Examiner indicated that he would consider the proposed amendments to the claim language as set forth in the amended claims contained in this response.

Claims 1-35 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph because the specification, while being enabling for the disclosed "isocyanate derivatives thereof" does not reasonably provide enablement for all of the things falling within the scope of the claim terminology as the term would be understood by the ordinarily skilled artisan.

After careful consideration of the Examiner's comments and discussion with Examiner Niland, claims 1, 20, and 33 have been amended to specify that the glass reinforcing fibers are sized with the material that contains at least one compound selected from the group consisting of polyurethane, polyurea, isocyanate derivatives of polyurethane, and isocyanate derivatives of polyurea. Support for this Amendment in claims 1, 20, and 33 is found in the specification at page 9, paragraph 33, where it states that the sizing composition contains "at least one of the group which includes polyurethane, polyurea, and isocyanate derivatives thereof." It is respectfully submitted that the term isocyanate derivatives thereof is taken to mean isocyanate derivatives of polyurethane and/or polyurea.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the invention as set forth in claims 1-35 now comports with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

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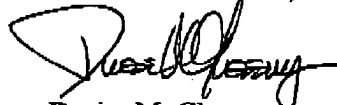
Claims 1-41 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that is regarded as the invention. It is respectfully submitted that amendment to claims 1, 20, and 33 as previously discussed addresses the concerns raised with regard to 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Additionally, claims 20, 36, and 38 have been amended to present the claims in a proper Markush format.

In summary, claims 1, 20, 33, 36, and 38 have been amended by this action. In view of this action, it is submitted that the invention as set forth in claims 1-40 comports with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs, and is in a condition suitable for allowance. Notice of Allowance is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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